



Together for a green, democratic and resilient Europe

126.3 million euro have been allocated to a number of cooperation programmes with Portugal through the EEA Grants. These programmes are designed to contribute to social and economic development in Portugal and to strengthen cooperation between Norway and Portugal. The EEA and Norway Grants are an important tool in the Government's active European policy, which seeks to promote a green, democratic and resilient Europe.

Cooperation on the green transition is being strengthened, with a focus on blue and green growth in the areas of business development, research and education, as well as on rehabilitation of ecosystems. During this funding period, the gender equality programme in Portugal will also encompass efforts to combat gender-based violence and domestic violence. Cooperation in the justice sector is being expanded, and there will be a greater focus on vulnerable groups, including the Roma population, in both the cultural programme and the programme on gender equality and domestic violence. This is new, and will help to ensure social inclusion. Activities to safeguard cultural heritage and promote cultural exchange will continue.

Support for civil society in Portugal is being continued, and more than 6 million euro has been earmarked for measures in Portugal to mitigate the effects of Russia's war in Ukraine. Eight Norwegian agencies are involved in the implementation of the programmes and are responsible for the recruitment of Norwegian project partners.

49 million euro

Blue growth, business development,
innovation and research



29.5 million euro

Green transition, circular economy,
biological diversity and ecosystems



12 million euro

Gender equality and domestic violence



9 million euro

Culture



12th September 2024

Agreement on the EEA
and Norway Grants for
2021–2028 signed by
Norway and the EU

October 2024 to
June 2025

Negotiations between
Norway and Portugal

8th July 2025

Signing of agreement
between Norway
and Portugal

From August 2025

Development of
programmes and open
calls for proposals

31st December 2031

Completion of
2021–2028
funding period

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMMES:

Programme	Programme partners:	Size (mill euro)
Blue growth	Innovation Norway, Research Council of Norway, Directorate for Higher Education and Skills	49
Green transition	Norwegian Environment Agency	29.5
Gender equality and domestic violence	Norwegian Directorate of Health, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Council of Europe	12
Culture	Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Arts and Culture Norway	9
Bilateral funds		3

Gender equality and digitalisation are to be integrated into all relevant programmes. Cooperation with international organisations is being strengthened, and more than EUR 11 million has been set aside to support civil society.

ABOUT THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS

Norway cooperates closely with the EU. The EEA Agreement is the cornerstone of this cooperation. The Agreement includes a common goal of working together to reduce social and economic disparities in Europe. Norway contributes to this through the EEA and Norway Grants. In addition, the Grants scheme helps to enhance cooperation between Norway and the beneficiary states.

For the 2021–2028 period, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein are providing EUR 3.268 billion to the EU's 15 least prosperous states. Norway provides roughly 97 % of the funding.

FUNDING TO PORTUGAL UNDER THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS:

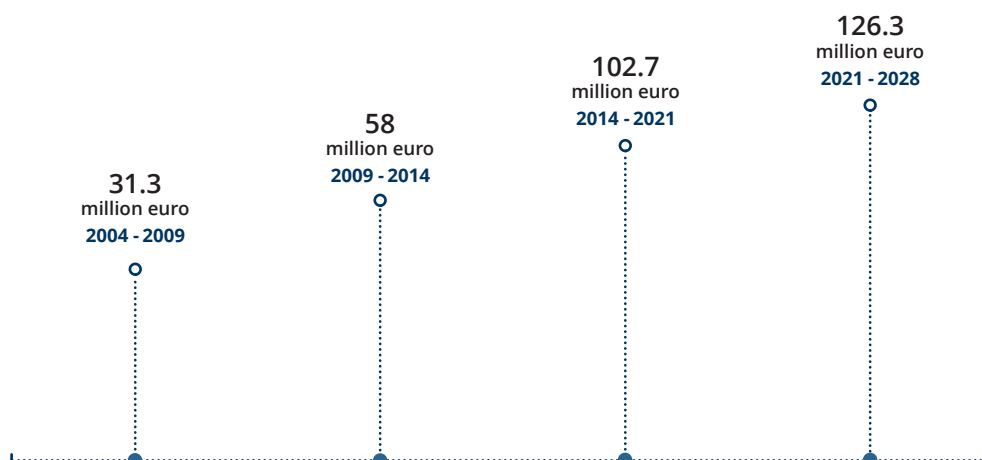






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11.3 million euro
Civil society



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